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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my full support of the recent antitrust case settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. This case has dragged on long enough and will serve no good purpose if the current settlement is not finalized.

Under the terms of the settlement Microsoft did not get off easy. Microsoft is being forced to disclose internal interfaces and protocols as well as not retaliate against computer makers who promote other products within Windows. These are not the only concessions, but most of these constitute a breach of free market principles. Even though I do not agree with government's interference with free enterprise, I must agree with ending this settlement.

Our IT sector and our economy will greatly benefit from Microsoft being allowed to return to business and innovate the way they always have in the past. Please help to suppress the opposition and quell the state's personal vendettas against Microsoft.

Microsoft's competitors, through their respective Attorneys General, are pushing continued litigation for their own self interest. They are not concerned about the public getting improved technology at reasonable prices. They would prefer the consumer to buy separate applications rather than the integrated software that Microsoft sells.

Sincerely,

